



**CITY OF LODI  
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

**AGENDA TITLE:** Adopt Resolution Amending Traffic Resolution 97-148, Section 3, Street Parking Restrictions, by Authorizing Public Works Director to Establish Reduced No-Parking and Stopping Zones Adjacent to Specific Fire Hydrants After Approval by Fire Chief or Authorized Representative

**MEETING DATE:** November 1, 2006

**PREPARED BY:** Public Works Director

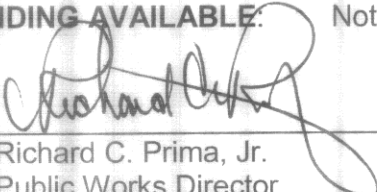
**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Adopt a resolution amending Traffic Resolution 97-148, Section 3, Street Parking Restrictions, by authorizing the Public Works Director to establish reduced no-parking and stopping zones adjacent to specific fire hydrants, after approval by the Fire Chief or authorized representative.

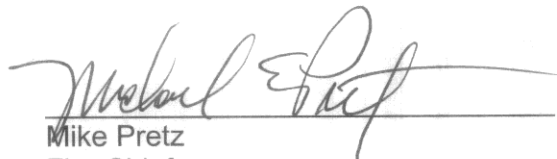
**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** California Vehicle Code Section 22514 states the allowable distance a person can park, stop or leave standing a vehicle from a fire hydrant is fifteen feet. Part (b) of that section allows local authority to adopt an ordinance or resolution reducing the distance that a person can park, stop or leave standing any vehicle, adjacent to a fire hydrant. The standard distance provides the Fire Department personnel thirty feet total to access the fire hydrant. However, in some situations with wider driveways or adjacent to an intersection or alley corner, a reduced no-parking and stopping zone can provide adequate room to access the fire hydrants. The reduced no-parking can make the difference between having a vehicle parking stall or not and can reduce inconvenience to businesses and residences. The Fire Chief and Fire Marshall concur with this recommendation.

The Public Works Director and staff will request concurrence from the Fire Chief or authorized representative to determine if a reduced no-parking or stopping zone adjacent to specific fire hydrants provide adequate to access the fire hydrant. The Public Works Department will appropriately mark the reduced no-parking or stopping zone.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None.

**FUNDING AVAILABLE:** Not applicable.

  
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Fire Marshall

City Engineer  
Fire Chief  
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**APPROVED:**   
Blair King, City Manager

## **California Vehicle Code**

**22514** No person shall stop, park, or leave standing any vehicle within 15 feet of a fire hydrant except as follows:

- (a) If the vehicle is attended by a licensed driver who is seated in the front seat and who can immediately move such vehicle in case of necessity.
- (b) If the local authority adopts an ordinance or resolution reducing that distance. If the distance is less than 10 feet total length when measured along the curb or edge of the street, the distance shall be indicated by signs or markings.
- (c) If the vehicle is owned or operated by a fire department and is clearly marked as a fire department vehicle.

Amended Ch. 488, Stats. 1987. Effective January 1, 1988.

## **Traffic Resolution Amendment**

Resolution No. 97-148

WHEREAS, the Lodi City Council has adopted a traffic ordinance which calls for various traffic restrictions to be adopted by resolution; and

WHEREAS, frequent amendments are necessary to improve efficiency and address safety issues; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following is adopted and may be amended from time to time by resolution of the City Council.

### **Section 3 – Street Parking Restrictions**

- F. The Public Works Director is authorized to establish reduced no parking and stopping zones adjacent to specific fire hydrants after consultation with the Fire Chief or authorized representative.

Legend – Highlighted additions

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-197

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL AMENDING  
TRAFFIC RESOLUTION NO. 97-148, SECTION 3, STREET  
PARKING RESTRICTIONS, BY AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC  
WORKS DIRECTOR TO ESTABLISH REDUCED NO-PARKING  
AND STOPPING ZONES ADJACENT TO SPECIFIC FIRE  
HYDRANTS AFTER APPROVAL BY FIRE CHIEF OR  
AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lodi City Council does hereby  
approve amending Traffic Resolution No. 97-148 by authorizing the Public Works  
Director to establish reduced no-parking and stopping zones adjacent to specific fire  
hydrants after approval by the Fire Chief or authorized representative.

Dated: November 1, 2006

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I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2006-197 was passed and adopted by the  
City Council of the City of Lodi in a regular meeting held November 1, 2006, by the  
following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Beckman, Hansen, Johnson, Mounce,  
and Mayor Hitchcock

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None



RANDI JOHL  
City Clerk